

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

4. (Re-presented and amended) The ~~pharmacological~~pharmaceutical agent of claim ~~2~~11 wherein the therapeutically effective amount the extract of *Uncaria tomentosa* is obtained from a commercially available source.
5. (Re-presented and amended) The ~~pharmacological~~pharmaceutical agent of claim 4 wherein the commercially available source of *Uncaria tomentosa* is selected from the group consisting of pills, tablets, caplets, soft and hard gelatin capsules, lozenges, sachets, cachets, vegicaps, liquid drops, elixers, suspensions, emulsions, solutions, syrups, tea bags, aerosols ~~(as a solid or in a liquid medium)~~, suppositories, sterile injectable solutions, sterile packaged powders, bark bundles ~~or~~and bark powder.
7. (Re-presented and amended) The ~~pharmacological~~pharmaceutical agent of claim ~~2~~11 wherein the therapeutically effective amount of *Uncaria tomentosa* comprises a dosage in the range of from about 10 to 1,000 mg/kg of body weight of the patient.
8. (Re-presented and amended) The ~~pharmacological~~pharmaceutical agent of claim 7 wherein the therapeutically effective amount of *Uncaria tomentosa* comprises a dosage in the range of from about 10 to 100 mg/kg of body weight of the patient.
10. (Re-presented and amended) The ~~pharmacological~~pharmaceutical agent of claim ~~9~~11 wherein ~~said~~the amyloid disease ~~for treatment~~ is Alzheimer's Disease.
11. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~A pharmaceutical agent of claim 3 for treating an amyloid disease in a patient, wherein the agent comprises a therapeutically effective amount of an extract obtained from the inner bark or root tissue of a plant of the genus *Uncaria*, species *tomentosa*, wherein the weight percentage of plant extract in the agent is in the range of from about 70% to about 95%.
12. (Re-presented and amended) The pharmaceutical agent of claim ~~11~~11 further comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, diluent or excipient.
13. (Re-presented and amended) The pharmaceutical agent of claim ~~2~~11 wherein the therapeutically effective amount of ~~plant matter~~the extract has an amyloid inhibitory activity or efficacy greater than 50%.

48. (Re-presented and amended) The ~~pharmacological~~pharmaceutical agent of claim ~~46~~52 wherein the therapeutically effective amount of *Uncaria tomentosa* comprises a dosage in the range of from about 10 to 1,000 mg/kg of body weight of the patient.

49. (Re-presented and amended) The ~~pharmacological~~pharmaceutical agent of claim 48 wherein the therapeutically effective amount of *Uncaria tomentosa* comprises a dosage in the range of from about 10 to 100 mg/kg of body weight of the patient.

51. (Re-presented and amended) The ~~pharmacological~~pharmaceutical agent of claim ~~50~~52 wherein ~~said~~the amyloid disease ~~for treatment~~ is Alzheimer's Disease.

52. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~A ~~pharmaceutical agent of claim 46~~comprising a therapeutically effective amount of an extract obtained from the inner bark or root tissue of a plant of the genus *Uncaria*, species *tomentosa*, the therapeutic amount of the extract selected for efficacy in treating an amyloid disease in a patient, wherein the weight percentage of plant extract in the agent is in the range of from about 70% to about 95%.

53. (Re-presented and amended) The pharmaceutical agent of claim ~~46~~52 further comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, diluent or excipient.

54. (Re-presented and amended) The pharmaceutical agent of claim ~~46~~52 wherein the therapeutically effective amount of ~~plant matter~~extract has an amyloid inhibitory activity or efficacy greater than 50%.